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No Other Town in the World the Size of Grants Pass Has a Paper With Full Leased Wire Telegraph Service.

ELECT THREE DELEGATES TO DENVER

Woodmen of the World Hold District Convention in This City, and Select Representatives to Head Camp

The members of the Woodmen of the World order from the district of southern Oregon are having a busy session in this city today. Last night, with music by the band, the convention made its bow to the local public in a street parade, which was followed later by sessions of the local camp, the initiation of a class of 20 and a supper.

At the convening of the convention this morning the delegates were called to order by Isaac Best, and E. K. Wheeler, of Eugene, was elected convention chairman. W. B. Jackson, of Medford, was elected secretary. The usual committees to perform the duties that devolve upon them were appointed, and the election of three delegates to represent the district at the meeting of the head camp, at Denver, Colorado, July 17, became the order of business. The delegates elected are Geo. R. Dickinson, of Grants Pass, R. McMurphy, of Eugene, and John M. Throne, of Roseburg. Marshfield was selected as the place for the holding of the next district convention, which will not occur till 1919. This afternoon the delegates present at the convention were taken on a ride around the valley and out to the sugar factory.

THREE AMERICANS ABOARD CANADIAN SHIP SUNK

Washington, May 17.—Three Americans were aboard the Canadian steamer *Eretria* which has been sunk, according to a cablegram from the United States consul at LaRochelle. The sinking of the *Eretria* was from London Saturday night. No mention of the crew was made then first reported in press despatches. The vessel is owned in St. Johns.

COMMITTEE TO VOTE ON BRANDEIS NEXT WEDNESDAY

Washington, May 17.—The senate judiciary committee today agreed to vote next Wednesday on President Wilson's appointment of Louis D. Brandeis as associate of the supreme court.

EMPLOYEES WIN IRON WORKS STRIKE

San Francisco, May 17.—Having won an increase in wages and recognition of their union, the rivet-heaters and passers of the Union Iron works today agreed to return to work tomorrow. This ends a strike which threatened to completely cripple the works, rushed as it is with many ship-building orders. The agreement gives all rivet-heaters a minimum wage of \$2 a day, an increase of 50 cents. The passers won an increase of 25 cents a day.

SON OF PERUVIAN PRESIDENT IS KILLED

Paris, May 17.—Jose Garcia Calderon, a son of the former president of Peru, has been killed at the front, it was learned today. He volunteered as a balloonist with the French army. Caught in a storm, Calderon attempted to leave his balloon and reach terra firma in a parachute, but it collapsed and he was dashed to death.

IRISH LORD TO STAND TRIAL FOR HIGH TREASON

London, May 17.—Sir Roger Casement and Daniel Bailey, a soldier, were today committed for trial on charges of high treason at the conclusion of their preliminary hearings in Bow street police court.

Casement and Bailey will go to trial before the high court of justice. If convicted, they probably will be sentenced to death. The Casement defense is still a mystery, as it did not develop during his preliminary hearing. Bailey will attempt to show that he knew nothing of the character of the German expedition to Ireland.

London, May 17.—Maps found in the possession of Sir Roger Casement, on trial for treason, support the British contention that plans for the Irish rebellion originated in the German war office, Lieutenant-Colonel Gordon, of the British war intelligence department, testified in Sir Roger's hearing today.

Sir Roger appeared more calm today. Gordon testified that the maps which were taken were made by Germans. They were not printed in England.

U. S. BATTLESHIP GROUNDED ON SHOALS

Boston, May 17.—Driven by a terrific gale, the United States cruiser *San Francisco* grounded on Nantucket shoals at 5 a. m. today. Wireless dispatches flashed the news here. After a few hours the warship was released without damage, according to the radio.

Earlier wireless messages, saying that there had been loss of life, turned out to be untrue. The navy yard declared that none had been killed or injured. After getting off the shoal the *San Francisco* anchored near the dangerous ground, but sent messages saying that it did not need help.

GERMAN LOSS AT VERDUN IS 300,000

London, May 17.—Three hundred thousand Germans have been killed and wounded in the fighting around Verdun from February 21 to date, according to the Paris correspondent of the London Chronicle.

He claimed that these severe losses precluded all possibility of a serious Teuton offensive against Riga. Only a curtain of Germans, he asserted, was left on the Russian front. "They have long evaded the destiny which the Germans feel closing in on them," he declared.

BODY OF MURDERED IDAHO GIRL FOUND

Idaho Falls, Idaho, May 17.—The coroner's jury returned a verdict at 10:30 a. m. today that Alice Empey, nine years old, was murdered by an unknown assassin. The little girl disappeared while on her way to Sunday school April 16. Her body was found near Sand Creek and an autopsy was held yesterday. The autopsy showed a clean-cut incision through the abdomen from the chest downward, and a cross incision from hip to hip. She was otherwise badly mutilated.

Dr. H. D. Spencer and Dr. J. O. Miller, who examined the body, told the coroner's jury today that the wounds could not have been made by an obstruction in the creek bed, where the body was evidently thrown. A sharp instrument and a practiced hand slashed the little girl's body, they said. The body was naked when found. Officers are searching for her clothing.

THE QUAKER STATE FOR OLD GUARD

Slate of Delegates to the National Republican Convention From Pennsylvania Headed by Penrose Wins

Philadelphia, May 17.—Complete returns from Philadelphia and incomplete returns from half of the Pennsylvania counties today showed the Boies Penrose' slate of delegates to the national republican convention had defeated Governor Brumbaugh's ticket, rolling up a substantial majority.

Henry Ford's vote was surprisingly large. President Wilson was unanimously endorsed by the democrats.

Philadelphia, May 17.—Late returns today from the presidential preference primary formed the basis for a claim of partial victory at the headquarters of Governor Martin G. Brumbaugh, head of the movement to snatch republican state leadership from Boies Penrose.

Brumbaugh's headquarters declared that the governor's candidates in many districts had defeated Penrose's candidates for the position of delegate to the national republican convention.

The Brumbaugh-Vare faction may also have several delegates-at-large. The returns are coming in very slowly.

Roosevelt's vote was small compared to that of Brumbaugh, and Henry Ford's showing was the big surprise of the primary. Roosevelt polled only hundreds, where his supporters had expected him to draw thousands.

Penrose estimated the Ford vote at 40,000. Knox and Hughes figured but slightly in the primary.

Montpelier, Vt., May 17.—An overwhelming victory for Charles E. Hughes was indicated by late returns today from the presidential preference primary.

Roosevelt was polling about half of Hughes' vote in the counties which reported. The returns were still incomplete.

DEFEAT AHEAD FOR 5-YEAR NAVY PROGRAM

Washington, May 17.—Democratic members of the house naval committee today conceded the defeat of the five-year navy building program in committee tomorrow. They said that a building program of one year would be substituted. It is expected that the session will recommend adoption of the navy general board's urging with regard to the construction of first line battleships, with a compromise on the auxiliary vessel and submarine propositions.

CARRANZA SENDS TROOPS TO BORDER

El Paso, May 17.—Two thousand Carranzista troops have arrived at Chihuahua City as part of the Mexican detachment promised General Hugh Scott by General Alvaro Obregon for use in the hunt for bandits on the southern side of the boundary. It was learned here today. General Gavira said that a total of 15,000 de facto troops were en route.

Pablo Lopez, leader of the Santa Ysabel massacre, has been placed on trial for his life in Chihuahua, charged with murdering Americans.

JOHN BULL IS SCORED IN SENATE

Summary Executions of Irish Rebels Condemned, and Lansing Is Instructed to Learn Status of Americans

Washington, May 17.—Senator Kern introduced in the senate this afternoon a resolution directing Secretary Lansing to ascertain the status of Americans in the courtmartial area of Ireland.

Under the present condition of affairs the responsibility of these Americans might be dangerously imperiled before aid could reach them from the United States, said Senator Kern. The resolution was referred to the foreign relations committee.

Senator Borah said:

"The Dublin executions will injure England before the world more than the disaster they suffered at the Dardanelles or the defeat at Kut-el-Amara by the Turks. It is not for us to sit in judgment on another government's treatment of its subjects, but these convictions between sunrise and sundown constitute the most serious assault which has been made upon democracy since the war began."

CAVALRY RESCUES TWO AMERICANS

San Antonio, May 17.—Major Langhorne's cavalry rescued the Americans, Jess Deemer and Monroe Payne, captured by Mexicans when they raided Glenn Springs, Texas, according to Colonel Sibley's report to Major General Funston today. The Americans, said the account, were left by the raiders with a Mexican family at Elpina, and the people of the house were ordered to kill the "gringos" if they attempted to escape. When the United States cavalry arrived the bandits had departed and there was no clash.

The Villistas are now reported a few miles ahead of the troops.

PRESIDENT REPLIES TO THE POPE'S PEACE LETTER

Washington, May 17.—President Wilson has sent a reply to Pope Benedict's letter on peace. The reply was given to Apostolic Delegate Bonzano on Monday night, it is understood.

The president's communication, it was learned, joined the pope in strongly desiring that the United States should not be plunged into war and that it should maintain its neutrality to aid in readjustment at the end of the conflict. President Wilson discussed the letter with Secretary Lansing prior to sending the reply. It is understood that the pope urged the United States not to go into war with Germany.

PROGRESSIVES PREPARE TO EAT AT CHICAGO

Chicago, May 17.—Owing to the hotel rush, the management of the progressive party today announced that it had arranged to serve lunches in the auditorium and the convention hall during the bull moose convention. Attendants at the conclave will be dressed in military uniform to emphasize the demand for preparedness planks in the platform.

Friends of Congressman James R. Mann have launched his vice presidential boom and are working hard in behalf of it.

FLOOD CONTROL BILL IS PASSED BY THE HOUSE

Washington, May 17.—By an overwhelming vote the house this afternoon passed the flood control bill, carrying an appropriation of \$50,600,000, expendable over a period of five years, for flood prevention on the Mississippi and Sacramento rivers. The vote was 180 to 53.

Washington, May 17.—The flood control appropriations bill was discussed in the house today, with Congressman Curry charging that hydraulic mining conducted practically under federal license, and sometimes on government property, was responsible for the Sacramento valley floods. He claims that deposits from such mines caused river bars and destroyed the channel. In 1850, he said, the river was navigable for a boat of 15-foot draft. Now it affords room barely for a six-foot draft.

The government, according to Curry, failed to protect the river, and should provide \$5,000,000 for its improvement. Six hundred thousand dollars is asked.

GENERAL CONFERENCE FAILS TO ELECT BISHOP

Saratoga, N. Y., May 17.—The Methodist general conference failed to elect a new bishop on the first ballot, 537 votes being necessary for a choice. Rev. Matt S. Hughes, of Pasadena, polled 330; Rev. Adna W. Leonard, of Seattle, 299; Rev. Charles E. Locke, Los Angeles, 237. Rev. Thomas Nicholson, of New York, led with 412.

MAY ASK WILSON TO ACT TOWARD PEACE

Lake Mohonk, N. J., May 17.—A possibility that the conference on international arbitration may discuss the advisability of asking President Wilson to take definite steps toward peace was intimated at the opening of the conference today. The idea was strengthened by the calling of a meeting of the American branch of the central organization for tomorrow.

RUSSIANS AFTER TURK TERRITORY

London, May 17.—Twenty thousand Turks have been withdrawn from the British front east of Kut-el-Amara today, apparently to meet the Russian advance upon Bagdad.

In their haste to stem the new offensive, the Turks are recruiting all native tribesmen. Diplomats believe that Russia, expecting a speedy end to the war, is trying to capture all possible Turkish territory, placing the czar in a position to demand vast areas of territory when peace is made.

PREPAREDNESS PARADE BY WOMEN

St. Louis, May 17.—When democratic delegates leave the Coliseum here after the first day of the national convention, thousands of women with white dresses, yellow parasols and yellow sashes will greet them. The women have timed their preparedness parade for that hour to impress the delegates that women demand preparedness and suffrage planks in the democratic platform. According to present prospects there will be no hotel jam during the convention. The California delegation has reserved twenty-six rooms at the American hotel and sixty at the Plaza. Early next week it is expected that the vanguard of the delegations will begin arriving.

KAISER FAILS IN ASSAULT AT VERDUN

Germans Make No Advance in Attempt Against French Lines Last Night Says the Paris Official Statement

Paris, May 17.—German attempts to drive forward their lines northwest of Verdun, near Dead Man's hill, by a grenade assault failed, the official communique said today.

A similar attempt was defeated on the east bank of the Meuse, northwest of Thiaumont.

"Artillery was most active on both sides of the Meuse. Two squads of French airmen flew over the German lines and dropped 200 shells on troops and railroads. A German airman was brought down."

Berlin, May 17.—A French attack on the southern slope of Hill 304 broke down under artillery fire during the night, the war office announced today. There was heavy artillery fighting all night on both banks of the Meuse.

VILLISTAS KILL TWELVE CHINESE

Columbus, N. M., May 17.—Armor motor truck drivers arriving from the front today reported that General John J. Pershing's evacuation of his advanced base at San Antonio was followed by the slaughter by Villistas bandits of twelve Chinese merchants who had sold supplies to the Americans.

The merchants were shot, said the drivers, and their shops looted. Many residents of the section fled north with the Americans. Bandits, it is reported, have threatened to kill every person selling provisions to the Americans or helping them in any manner.

Typhus fever has broken out in Casas Grandes, near the expedition's base at Dublin. Soldiers are forbidden to visit the town. So far no Americans have been stricken.

11 LIVES LOST ON AUSTRIAN LINER

Berlin, May 17.—A note asserting that 11 persons, including three women, perished when the Austrian passenger liner *Dubrovnik* was destroyed by a submarine was handed to ministers of neutral powers by the Austrian government today. The steamer was sunk in the Adriatic May 9. Two torpedoes were fired at it. The first gave the liner its death blow, and as it was sinking the second projectile was discharged at the lifeboats, the note asserted. Only sixteen lives were saved.

The note characterized the episode as international murder, and denies the claim of the Italians that the vessel was an ammunition carrier.

BRYAN A REPORTER AT ST. LOUIS CONVENTION

Lincoln, Neb., May 17.—William J. Bryan announced today that he would not accept offers from other states to send him to St. Louis as a democratic national convention delegate. He will go only as a newspaper man, employed by several syndicates.